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SUBJ: TRADITIONAL WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY

1. IN THE TRADITIONAL CEREMONY CARRIED OUT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THOMAS MASARYK'S BIRTH, A SMALL GROUP FROM THE EMBASSY MADE THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LANY MARCH 7 TO LAY A WREATH ON MASARYK'S GRAVE.

2. A GROUP OF PERHAPS TWENTY-FIVE CZECHS WERE GATHERED AT THE GRAVE, WHICH WAS DECORATED WITH A NUMBER OF WREATHS AND CANDLES. TWO RELATIVES OF MASARYK'S STOOD BEHIND THE GRAVE AS THE CHARGE AND GSO KEATHLEY PLACED THE WREATH, WHICH BORE TWO TRI-COLOR RIBBONS SAYING, IN CZECH AND ENGLISH, "FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

3. THE CHARGE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE HAVE COME HERE TODAY TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF A GREAT MAN, THOMAS GARRIGUE MASARYK. HE WAS BORN ONE HUNDREB AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, AND HE LIVED A LONG AND HONORABLE AND SUPREMELY USEFUL LIFE. HE PRESIDED OVER THE CREATION OF A GREAT COUNTRY, AND HIS NAME IS INERADICABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THAT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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WITH THE UNITED STATES, HE HAD A TIE OF KINSHIP, AND

A TIE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND AFFECTION. BUT THERE WAS
A DEEPER BOND AS WELL, THE BOND THAT UNITES ALL MEN WHO
LOVE FREEDOM. REMEMBERING THIS BOND, WE AMERICANS WILL
NEVER CEASE TO HONOR THIS GREAT MAN. OUR RESPECT FOR
HIS MEMORY IS AS INEXTINGUISHABLE AS OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH
THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

4. UPON RETURNING TO THE EMBASSY, THE PARTY FOUND A
MOIST-EYED LADY PLACING A SMALL BOUQUET AND TRICOLOR
UPON THE PLAQUE IN THE EMBASSY ENTRANCEWAY DEDICATED TO
MASARYK'S MEMORY. THE WHOLE BUSINESS WAS TOUCHING. PERRY

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